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(C) Economic Counselor presented reftel points to Finance Minister Oscar Ivan Zuluaga April 16. Minister Zuluaga said he had not seen the request for a write-in vote submission on Kosovo IMF or World Bank Membership. However, he acknowledged that an affirmative vote by Colombia, given its previous recognition of Kosovo, made sense. Minister Zuluaga said he would convey the USG request as soon as possible to Colombia's IMF representative Marie Ines Agudelo in Washington to take appropriate action on Colombia's write-in ballot.

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